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For: METHOD OF EVALUATING DRUG

SENSITIVITY BY ANALYZING THE MU-

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2009, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to November 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.